

Application No. 10/774,517
Amendment dated September 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2004

Docket No.: 8733.345.10-US

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1-2, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1-2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The non-final Office Action dated June 30, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, Applicant has amended Fig. 2 to correct a typographical error, as indicated in red in the annotated sheet showing changes, and amended claim 11. No new matter has been added. Claims 11-21 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the above amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,500,702, issued to Lee et al. (hereafter “Lee”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,511,869, issued to Colgan et al. (hereafter “Colgan”). Applicant traverses the rejection because Lee nor Colgan are valid prior art against the claims of the present application. The filing date of Lee is December 13, 2000, and the filing date of Colgan is December 5, 2000. The priority date of the present application is December 27, 1999. Therefore, Applicant respectfully files herewith a certified English translation of Korean Application No. 1999-62983, filed December 27, 1999, to perfect this claim for priority. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In the Office Action, claims 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee, Colgan and further in view of Applicant’s admitted prior art. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection without going into the merits of the rejection because Lee and Colgan are invalid prior art against the present application, and because the Related Art, alone, fails to teach or suggest the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. For at least these reasons, dependent claims 16-21 are allowable over Lee, Colgan and the Related Art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Fig.1
(Related Art)

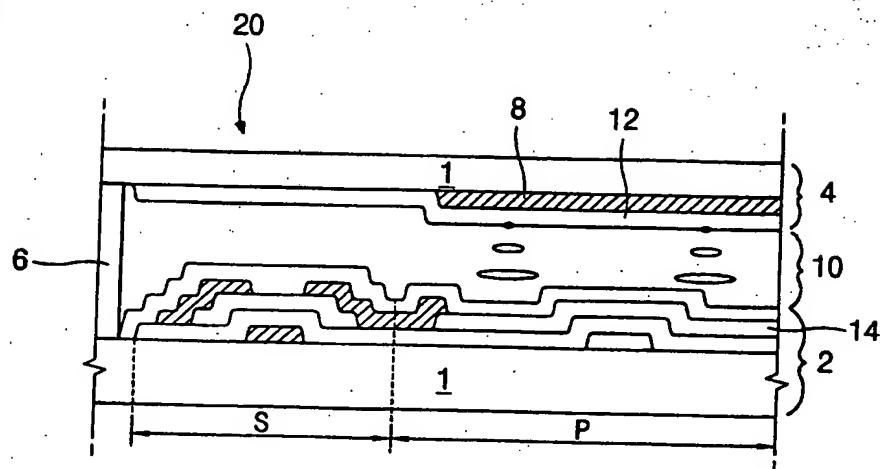


Fig.2
(Related Art)

